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From the Commander

Just a reminder: "All cadets, senior officers are now required to take the Operations Security Training online." Cadets who have not completed this training are now required to take it before 01 April 2008. Failure to do so will result in your participation in ES Operations being halted and entry on e-services being blocked until you complete this training. The training is quite simple, and can be completed within 20-25 minutes. The training can be completed at the following address; **<https://tests.cap.af.mil/opsec>**.

This past month has produced 3 New Ground Team Members for our squadron, they have participated in the Senior GSAR School in Trenton, they are Captain Richard Fellows, 2Lt Evan Kooker and 2Lt Sandra Kooker, who are now GTM3 Qualified. 2Lt. Evan Kooker qualified on 22 February 2008 as UDF Qualified with a completed ARFCC Mission in which we participated. Soon, these members will become GTM2 and GTM1 Qualified after more training in Trenton. Good Job!

It seems that a lot of our

members fail to check their e-mail's regularly and miss a lot of information being sent out. Members are requested to check their e-mail for new information we send out, as this is the fastest and cheapest way to get the word out. Also, we request you subscribe to NJCAP for Wing Wide information being sent by our Wing Staff and Commander. You can sign up for NJCAP via our web site, under the NJCAP button. Just follow the instructions and you will be getting the latest news from Wing.

Please check our calendar on our website for the next meeting schedule and uniform for the meeting. Other important information is on there as well. Check it often and you will be prepared for our next meeting.

Our Cadet Orientation Flights are starting up again as the weather cooperates. Sign up for your flight with Captain Fellows to get you up and flying! There is ample opportunity to get all our cadets in the air, so let's give up a video game or two and get behind the stick and fly, try it, you'll like it! (con't page 2)

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We will be conducting some Emergency Services Training Missions with the Atlantic County Composite Squadron shortly, and we will be using some new tracking equipment to try out. This new equipment will help us track aircraft and ground team vehicle and members in real time and provide an over all picture of where assets are in relation to each other. We will be conducting tests with this equipment and provide feedback to the Wing Staff for future use within the Wing. For those of you who have not obtained your GES (General Emergency Services) Qualification, lets get it done and come along and be amazed of what you are missing.

Remember, the NJWG Conference is coming up soon and the Cadet Ball. Our Interim National Commander is coming as a Guest Speaker, this is a unique opportunity to meet your National Commander in person and see all the Outstanding Members the New Jersey Wing has to offer.

“SEMPER OPTIMUS”

**Captain Kevin L. Barstow, Sr.
Commander, NJ-009**

Upcoming Events:

20 March Meeting canceled

22 March ES Training

27 March Squadron inspection
Newsletter articles due

28-29 March Wing Conference

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1Lt Ed Wuerker
1Lt Joseph Crandley
C/AB Ryan Fontaine



Anniversaries

Captain Clark Lunsford
C/2Lt Coleman Calhoun
C/AB John Edwards
C/Am Dylan Hill
C/SSgt Conor McNicholas

A Note From the Cadet Staff

This has been a good month for Cape May County Composite Squadron. You have all worked hard this month, but we could always work harder. Some things that I have noticed, that we should look at for the following month, are the following: PT scores have to improve. If we all take 30 minutes extra time in a day, or an amount a week, your scores will improve. Try running with your friends, or in your free time. Another issue that needs improvement is our testing. School is hard to

work around, but the tests in CAP are not long. Reading a couple of pages each day, is a very achievable goal. The last issue is attendance. We have been doing well on attendance, but try to contact your friends and get them to come to the meetings.

Other than these issues, we have been doing great. The cadet staff wants the cadets to learn and to have fun. If you have any comments, or suggestions for any of our meetings, talk to C/SrA Rutherford. (Your Flight Sgt.)

**C/2Lt Michael Quinn
Cadet Commander**

Deputy Commander for Cadets

Cadets,

Just wanted to take this time to compliment your efforts. I've seen some of you really commit yourselves to the cadet program, and benefit from it. Others, I noticed that you are searching for your niche, don't give up. There are a lot of things to do in the Civil Air Patrol. Not everyone enjoys Emergency Services (why I'll never know!), others enjoy communications, while others enjoy Drill and Ceremonies and Aerospace Education. Whatever it is, we enjoy having you here at the Cape May County Composite Squadron. Keep up the good work, all of you!

Wayne Avellino, Capt / CAP
Deputy Commander for Cadets

Cadet Leadership

Cadets,

This year is turning out to be a productive year. To the new cadets, I welcome you to the squadron. This spring, as we settle back into the school year, I would like to see you promote at least once. It is not that difficult to study and test during the two months you have between promotions. In fact, after you complete the second written test for your achievement, you are allowed to study for the next set. Also, in regards to meeting nights, if you cannot attend a meeting or are going to be late you must call the squadron phone at once the number is 609-889-1400. If you do these things, we will be better able to help you succeed.

1Lt Tony Simon
Cadet Leadership Officer

Congratulations to all our Award Winners!

C/2Lt Michael Quinn: Nomination for Phase II Cadet of the Year for NJWG
C/2Lt Coleman Calhoun: VFW Officer Award
C/2Lt Tristan Kooker: U.S. Air Force Association Award, Squadron Most Dedicated Award
C/A1C Adam Alexander: Nomination for Phase I Cadet of the Year for NJWG
C/A1C Dylan Rutherford: VFW NCO Award, Squadron Cadet Leadership Award
C/SSgt Conor McNicholas: Squadron Honor and Pride Award
C/Amn Louis Sicilia: Squadron Most Promising Award
C/Craig Coughlin: Squadron Most Spirited Award
2Lt Sandra Kooker: Nomination for PAO of the Year
1Lt Richard Simon II: Nomination for Communicator of the Year

Communications

We will be seeing some interesting actions coming from National Headquarters in the coming months. There is talk that there will be a new communications program instituted. This program will be a serious overhaul that will EXPUNGE all current qualifications. Please bear with this transition. To the newer members, this will have little effect on you. You should be unaffected as you will be starting from the basics on an easy to use new system. To the existing advanced qualified members, I strongly urge you to take this on the chin and get a fresh start. Even as the communications officer, I am affected by this drastic change. However, I expect you all to do what you have to do to remain current. Therefore, when it becomes available, go online and take the ROA-I (introductory) online course. It should work like the Gen-ES course. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

1Lt Tony Simon
Communications Officer

Just a note from the PAO...

Well, I have to say that February was a good month. The month began with a very special Friends and Family Night February 8th. It was special to me as a mom because I got to see my son receive the General Billy Mitchell Award, as well as an Air Force Association Award. My family and I were very proud of him, and thankful to all those in the squadron that helped him achieve his goals.

As the Public Affairs Officer, I'm proud of all the cadets in the squadron who worked hard all year. Congratulations to all those who received awards that night! And to all of you new cadets -work hard, and you too will be able to achieve great things in the squadron!

I'd like to say a special thank you to all those who helped make the Friends and Family Night possible. I had a lot of help with the food and refreshments - thank you to the cadets, senior members, and family members who brought so much good food and drinks! It was a nice surprise when I sent out the email asking for help with the night- I had quick responses of offers to help—even from some of our newest members! That was really nice to see, and it means a lot to me. Thank you to Captain Fellows for all that fried chicken! Whenever we need fried chicken, we know who to turn too!

There were a few people who really worked hard setting up and cleaning up that night. I couldn't have done it without them—Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Aigbogun, Mrs. Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, and Senior Member Nancy Simon, Captain Fellows and his son. Thank you! With all the help and support, it really makes it feel like the squadron is one big family.

Friends and Family Night was a late night for us, followed by an early morning for my husband and I. We had to meet Captain Barstow and Captain Fellows at the squadron at 0615 hrs to go to Trenton for GSAR school.

It's a long day, going to GSAR class, but well worth it. We're learning all about ground search and rescue, so at the end of the school we'll be well trained and able to participate effectively in a real rescue if we're needed. *Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks??* I want to really encourage every member to get involved and push yourself to learn new things and try new experiences. It makes CAP more exciting and more worthwhile.

If you haven't already, please check out our squadron's website—it has a lot of important information, including useful links and a calendar of events:

<http://capemay.njwg.cap.gov/index.htm>

Don't forget to sign up for **NJCAP** if you haven't already. There is a link on our website. It is an important way to get updates from NJ Wing via email. Also, please check your contact info in **e-services** on www.cap.gov and make sure it's all correct, including your email. **NJCAP** will not work if your email is not updated and correct on the national database.

Our squadron has Squadron Challenge Coins available for \$20. They really are beautiful, and make a nice keepsake.

Thank you,

2Lt. Sandra Kooker, PAO
ejsltb@comcast.net



Parents, we need your help! We always welcome parents who would like to join the squadron, either as a regular Senior Member or as a Cadet Sponsor Member. If that's not your thing, how about this—we are trying to start a booster club for the squadron. It will be the "Friends of Cape May County Composite Squadron." We will need parents who are willing to help out, and in particular, a parent willing to be the chairperson. Please contact me if you are interested, no experience necessary!

Cadet In the Spotlight

- **Name:** Coleman Calhoun
- **School:** Homeschool
- **Age:** 16
- **Grade:** 11th
- **Excuse me if I brag about:** My computer
- **If I could invite four people to dinner, I would invite:** My Mom and Dad, Mike Quinn and Dylan Rutherford.
- **And we would discuss (at dinner):** Honor Guard
- **If I could be invisible for one hour, I would:** Prank as many people I could.
- **My favorite singing group:** Coned and Cambria
- **The one TV show I'm glued to is:** Mythbusters
- **If I could eat three things for the rest of my life, they would be:** Pizza, Tacos, Pecan Pie
- **The worst movie I ever saw was:** The Fog
- **The best movie I ever saw was:** Monty Python: Search for the Holy Grail
- **The person I look up to most is:** My Uncle
- **If I could have anything in the world, I would want:** An F-22A Raptor
- **My first real job after college will be:** In the Military hopefully
- **You will never see me wearing:** Make-up
- **If I could change one thing about myself, it would be:** My height
- **Where I'd like to be and what I'd like to be doing in ten years is:** A Doctor in United States Air Force
- **My goal in CAP is:** To reach the Spaatz Award



Cadets, if you are interested in Glider Flights, be sure to take the Wing Runner Course online. Find it at:

www.njwg.cap.gov

Look for Operations on the left, then Flight Training Courses and Tests, and SSF/CAP Wing Runner Course– then click on Wing Runner Course. After you take the test, print out your certificate and bring it to the squadron for your file.

From the Cadets

Just recently I visited an air museum at Teterboro Airport, and I took a look at some of the airplanes that were left over from a few of our wars. I was amazed at the size and design. They even had a model plane that was built by a high school group for the museum. The model plane was big enough for a 5' or under person to comfortably sit in, and it had working elevator, aileron, and rudder controls driven by cables attached to the yoke and pedals. I would recommend to all cadets and senior members that they take a look through some of the state's aviation museums and some of their wonderful exhibits, including the museum in the same complex as the Cape May County Squadron's meeting building.

C/A1C Craig Coughlin

The last two weeks of CAP were pretty standard. I took my Wright Brothers test again, and I failed again. I also am competing for First Sergeant. So far the choice between me and the other cadet is very vague and undecided. My drill team competition was canceled this week due to the snow, and I got two new ribbons. So far this month is good, but has its downs, and I will not give up on my Wright Brothers test.

C/A1C Dylan Rutherford

As the school year ends, I get closer and closer to going to college! Recently, I have been accepted to St. Peters and Franklin Pierce University. Both colleges would help advance my education. In college, I hope to major in Psychology and Law. The other colleges I applied to were Ramapo, The

College of New Jersey, Fordham, Rutgers, and Stockton. The College of New Jersey is my first choice. I hope I get accepted there!

C/MSgt Christine Aigbogun

This week I had been sick for ten days and couldn't make last week's meeting. But I have recovered from my virus and I will hopefully be promoting soon.

C/Amn Louis Sicilia

This week we had company. Our company was some friends from Washington D.C. We stayed up until 11 a.m. hours watching a movie. We also played some computer games. While they were here we celebrated my birthday all over again.

C/AB Brendan Flynn

I did PT this month. I hoped that I would get my Airman promotion, but I didn't. I did have fun though. I did go to the Moral Leadership class. It was fun.

C/AB Dylan McLain

With the closing of winter, I am looking forward to Spring and taking more orientation flights. Additionally, I am getting tires of the cold. I enjoy soaring above the ground on my O flights and feeling like I am ruler of the sky. Hopefully one day I will be a pilot and get to fly more and more.

C/Amn Joseph Papperman

From the Cadets

I had Moral Leadership today (02/27/08). I learned qualities of a good and a bad leader. We talked about good and bad leaders from historical and modern times.

C/AB John Edwards

I have been enjoying my experiences at CAP. I have had fun. I had a lot of fun at the Moral Leadership class. Also, my wrestling season ended recently. I was second place in the Heavy Weight Division in the middle school tournament. Anyway, I have been having fun, and look forward to more fun experiences.

C/AB Matthew Rickards

A few days ago, I decided to apply for a staff position at the New Jersey Wing Encampment. Since my basic encampment in 2005 was an excellent learning opportunity, I felt that I could gain even more leadership experience by serving as staff at an encampment. I have applied for the positions of flight commander, standards and evaluations, and public affairs, and sincerely hope that I will serve in one of these positions. The application process is still open to any cadets who have previously attended a basic encampment.

In addition, on February 19, I attended the group 225 meeting in Hammonton with Capt. Barstow. I felt that it was a good opportunity to learn more about leadership outside of the squadron environment. Also, I gained first-hand knowledge of how the various squadrons of the group work with each other. Before this, I had previously thought that each squadron acted completely separately, however, I now know how important it is for the different units to correlate their activities.

Also, things have been going well at the squadron recently. For the first time in three

months, we had PT, and I finally passed. Hopefully, I should be able to complete achievement 9 soon, as I hope to attain the grade of C/1Lt. by the end of May. In addition, now that the cadet staff is making a monthly calendar, it is much easier to keep track of who is teaching classes, and schedule things such as aerospace education, moral leadership, and PT. I am also happy to see that there are more people promoting and progressing, including many of the newer cadets. It is good to see that people are actively working to progress and advance their leadership knowledge.

Finally, I would really like to thank all the people that attended my Mitchell Award presentation on the 8th. The congratulatory letters I received mean a lot to me. I really appreciate that everyone took the time to come there and support me, and I would also like to congratulate the other cadets that received awards that night.

C/2Lt Tristan Kooker



Senator Jeff Van Drew, Assemblyman Nelson T. Albano, and Assemblyman Matt Milam present C/Kooker with awards from the State of New Jersey.

Brig General (ret.) Jeffrey Pierson presents C/Kooker with the General Billy Mitchell Award.

